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In the Central region, high temperatures continue to negatively impact cow comfort and milk output. Contacts say spot milk offers are light in most of the region, though some cheesemakers are securing loads at below-Class prices from plants with unscheduled downtime. As of report publication, Class III spot milk prices range from \$2.00-under to \$5-over Class. Cheese production is lighter this week. Several plant managers say lighter milk output and limited spot milk availability are negatively affecting their ability to run full production schedules. Demand for cheese is steady in both domestic and international markets. Spot loads are available for purchasing, but contacts say barrel inventories are tighter than blocks. Some cheesemakers anticipate lighter production will cause spot inventories to tighten in the coming weeks.

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